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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 14 GILLESPIE SPEECH IN NEW YORK TO NATIONAL
FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL CONVENTION

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1. IN DISCUSSION OF GILLESPIE'S SPEECH TODAY, EXTAFF UNDER-SECRETARY
RITCHIE TOLD DCM THAT IT WAS SANCTIONED AND IN FACT DIRECTED AT
HIGHEST (CABINET) LEVEL. GOC WAS ALARMED AT FLARE-UP OF ADVERSE
U.S. CRITICISM OF EARLIER REMARKS BY ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES
MINISTER MACDONALD (CF. STATEMENTS BY CONGRESSMEN MCEWEN AND
DINGELL) AND WANTED TO ALLAY U.S. ANNOYANCE BY CLEAR, STRONG,
REAFFIRMATION OF CANADA-U.S. MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS. RITCHIE
SAID THE RISKS BEING TAKEN BY SUCH SPEECH WITH ARABS, WAS
RECOGNIZED (IN CABINET), BUT TIME WAS SHORT. (THOUGH RITCHIE
DID NOT SO ELABORATE, IT IS APPARENT THAT GOC RECOGNIZES ITS
DEPENDENCE ON U.S. FOR PORTLAND TRANSIT OF OIL, COAL FROM
WEST VIRGINIA FOR ONTARIO, AND HYDRO-POWER GRID EXCHANGES.)
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